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(c) what is the estimate for executing this project; and

(d) what is the total extent of land that will be irrigated under this project?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The detailed investigation of the scheme is in progress. It cannot be stated at present when exactly it will be taken up.

" (c) Rs. 2,31,000 for ' works ' or Rs. 3,02,000 including direct and indirect charges, according to the preliminary reports.

" (d) 1,915 acres, including 500 acres of new land."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, at what stage the investigation stands to-day?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I can only say that the investigation is proceeding."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" Sir, is it likely that the scheme will be executed at least in 1953–54?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The investigation is proceeding, but I cannot say when it will be executed."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know, Sir, whether the preliminary investigation is completed?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" That is very clear from my answer to clause (c) of the question."

Nandanar Institution, Chithambaram.

* 296 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether an officer in the grade of Deputy Tahsildar has been appointed to run the Government Nandanar Institution, Chithambaram?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No."

Report of the Krishna Anicut Enquiry Committee.

* 297 Q.—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether all or any of the suggestions of the Krishna Anicut Enquiry Committee have been approved by the Government and enforced; and

(b) if any of them have not been approved and enforced, the reasons, why?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The Chief Engineer for Irrigation has been asked to take action on the lines suggested by the Krishna Anicut Enquiry Committee.

" (b) Does not arise."

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SRI K. VENKAIAH :—" Recently, Sir, when a deputation waited upon the Minister in charge of Works at the Centre, he told the deputationists that the report from the Madras Government had not been received by the Centre, that they are awaiting the report, and that they will consider it if the Provincial Government send it. May I know what happened to it, Sir."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This Government sent it to the Centre. So far as the other question is concerned, the hon. Member may address the Minister at the Centre."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, ఈ ప్రభుత్వం వారు కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వానికి అసలు ఏమి recommend చేశారు ? Road regulator bridge నిర్మించవలెనని కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వంవారికి సూచించారా ? ప్రస్తుతం ఆనకట్ట మరమ్మతులు కొనసాగుతున్నాయా ? ఆనకట్టకు ఉత్తరోత్తరా ఎటువంటి ప్రమాదం రాకుండా శాశ్వత నిర్మాణాలు చేయించుటకు ప్రభుత్వం ఏమిచేస్తోంది ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Temporary repairs have already been effected as the hon. Member knows. So far as permanent repairs are concerned, the Committee recommended the construction of a road-*cum*-regulator bridge and that has been investigated by the Chief Engineer for Highways and also by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The Government have accepted the estimate prepared by the Irrigation Department and also by the Chief Engineer for Highways and they have sent up the estimates to the Centre. These estimates cost more than one crore of rupees and according to the rules, if any irrigation work should cost more than a crore of rupees, it should be approved by the Centre and the Madras Government have therefore sent up this report to the Centre for permission to execute the work."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the fact that this road-*cum*-regulator bridge question has been in the eye of the public and the Government for quite a long time and the Minister at the Centre has given a categorical reply that the Madras Government have not yet sent their recommendations regarding it and in view of the fact that we are being told that the Madras Government have sent their report, we do not know where we stand. Should we believe the Central Government who say that they have not received it, or should we believe the State Government who say that they have sent it? May I know from the Hon. Minister whether he wants us to believe him or the Central Government and whether we can take it from our experience of the past that we had better take the statement of the Central Government rather than the replies of the Minister? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I am afraid the hon. Member does not seem to make any distinction between the two. When I make a statement on the floor of the Assembly he should take my statement and if he does not want to believe me, he is at liberty to do so. (Interruption by Sri T. Nagi Reddi.) I am not prepared to take notice of any statement which appears in the Press. So many statements are made

every day in the Press and on the platform and I am not expected to take note of all of them. But if any official notice should be taken I shall take note of it."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" But the statement is from the Central Minister? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" But, let me tell my hon. Friend that so far as this road-*cum*-regulator bridge is concerned, it has not been before the public or before the Government for a very long time. It was only after the anicut was damaged it was enquired into and the Committee that was asked to go into the matter proposed that one of the measures would be to have a road-*cum*-regulator bridge as it would be more economical to combine both. It was taken up expeditiously also."

(Sri T. Nagi Reddi rose.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have to cover thirty more questions to-day."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" I would like to make a submission, Sir. Last time we expected that this Enquiry Committee Report would be discussed and hoped that opportunity would be given to discuss it in detail."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I would like him to have a talk about it with the Leader of the House and then come to a conclusion."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" I request the Hon. Minister for Public Works to give us a chance to go into the whole question—of course, in consultation with the Leader of the House—and I am sure that if both of them agree, they can give us at least half an hour to go into the whole question, because the public have been very much agitated over this question. I would therefore request the Government to give due consideration to this request."

Disbanding of Famine staff in Chittoor district.

* 298 *Q*.—SRI B. KRISHNAMURTHI RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to disband the Famine staff in Punganur, Palmaner, Chittoor, Madanapalle and Vayalpad taluks and if so, why? 9–10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no proposal to disband the famine staff employed in Punganur, Palmaner, Chittoor, Madanapalle and Vayalpad taluks of Chittoor district."

Selection of Assistant Surgeons.

* 299 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many candidates were selected by the Public Service Commission in the years 1951 and 1952 for the posts of Assistant Surgeons;